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SSLGC Moves into Historic Downtown Seguin Building ***Water Supplier a Partnership between Schertz and Seguin***

SEGUIN, Texas – When the beautiful building that stands tall on West Mountain Street opened in 1908, water was always on the minds of the occupants. After all, the two-story red brick building was constructed as a fire station. More than a century later water is again the driving force behind the day-to-day activities that take place there.

The Schertz-Seguin Local Government Cooperation, the wholesale water supplier equally owned by the cities of Schertz and Seguin, dedicated the downtown gem as its new administrative office space on October 29. Several past and present members of the SSLGC board and staff, Seguin City Council, City of Seguin staff and Schertz City Council were among those in attendance at the event.

“We’ve spent many years, with the good graces of the City of Seguin, in a couple of office spaces,” SSLGC board president Ken Greenwald said. “This has been one of our dreams, to have a permanent office, a place to have meetings.”

The former firehouse, located near the historic Aumont Hotel and only a few blocks from Seguin City Hall, is an important part of downtown Seguin’s historic charm. After decades serving as a fire station, the building was later used as a meeting space and youth center. American Bank of Texas purchased the building in 1992 and remodeled it as a bank. The bank would eventually vacate the building and later sold it to the SSLGC.

“I thank the Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation for restoring this building and bringing it back to such great shape,” Seguin Mayor Don Keil said. “Not so much that it was a fire station, but I remember doing the twist upstairs when it was the youth center.”

The days of dancing to Chubby Checker at 108 West Mountain Street may be a thing of the past but the work going on there now is vital to the future.

“I am so grateful to all the wonderful people years ago who were part of making the Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation happen,” Keil continued. “Our prosperity is linked to the water that this group brings us now and for our future growth.”

The SSLGC was formed in 1998 as a wholesale water supply system from the Carrizo Aquifer. Water production started in 2002 with delivery to Seguin and followed the next year with delivery to Schertz. The system has grown tremendously since the drilling of the first well in 2000. The SSLGC now has 12 wells in Gonzales, two treatment plants with a maximum capacity of 32 million gallons per day, six storage tanks with a maximum capacity of 15 million gallons and 43 miles of pipeline with a capacity of 13 million gallons.

The SSLGC not only serves as a water supply for Schertz and Seguin, it maintains a strong wholesale water customer base including contracts with the Cities of Selma, Universal City and Converse, as well as Springs Hill Water Supply Corporation and the San Antonio Water System. To date, the system has delivered more than 36 billion gallons of water.

“Water is what brought our two great cities together,” Schertz City Councilman David Scagliola said. “It’s a collaboration that that’s paid off very well and benefited both our communities and we are looking forward to continual growth and a continued positive relationship.”

It’s a relationship founded in water, developed by two forward-thinking cities, now continuing in a century-old building where water has always been important.

About the City of Seguin

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational and employment opportunities. Seguin’s robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts, an engine manufacturer and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In October 2014, Seguin was proud to be selected by Siro Group USA as the future home of the company’s North American manufacturing facility. For more about the City of Seguin, please visit www.SeguinTexas.gov.

About the City of Schertz

Schertz is a premier Texas community, located just northeast of San Antonio, nationally recognized for its family atmosphere, foresight and innovation, and commitment to economic prosperity and workforce opportunities. The City of Schertz serves over 35,000 residents and over 700 businesses in various capacities. For more information please visit our website at www.Schertz.com.

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